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On the morning of 7 July 1954, the Soviet executed landing maneuvers with three landing craft, each about 25 meters long, near the Schaabe River between Glowe and Juliusruh. The landing craft were escorted by four minesweepers as far as four kilometers from the shore and then proceeded to the beach by themselves. The minesweepers supported the landing by firing blank cartridges; Soviet antitank guns in position at the Schaabe River opened counterfire. Soviet jet planes circled over the landing point during the landing maneuver.

Comment. The landing maneuver probably was carried out in connection with the Soviet naval maneuvers which began on 7 July 1954.

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